

Wabash Plain Dealer

Shining light on Wabash County since 1859.



WabashPlainDealer.com



@WabashPD



WabashPD



WabashPlainDealer

\$3

WEEKEND EDITION DECEMBER 26-27, 2020

Tomorrow's weather

45 | 29



Seeking sports stringers

Do you have a passion for writing, photography and local sports? The Wabash Plain Dealer is now accepting applications for paid stringers for the upcoming winter sports season. To apply, email your writing and photography clips, cover letter, resume and list of references to rburgess@wabashplaindealer.com.

Notice to readers

To reduce risks to our employees and community, the Wabash Plain Dealer is closed to the public until further notice. Payments may be mailed to Wabash Plain Dealer, P.O. Box 309, Marion, IN 46952, or called in. For news, call 260-225-4662 or email news@wabashplaindealer.com. For advertising, call 260-225-4947 or email tcampbell@pmsginmi.com. For circulation and customer support, call 260-563-2131. The Wabash Plain Dealer is committed to providing the best product to its customers and appreciates the support during this time. For more local news content, please visit wabashplaindealer.com where you will find all of the news that could not fit into today's edition. Get your news faster by activating your online account which is included in your print subscription rates. Our stories appear online in an easy-to-read format as they are completed. Thank you for your support through this pandemic.

Living Well in Wabash County announces holiday season changes

Drive-up, grab-and-go senior lunches provided by area Five Agency on Aging and Community Services will be pick up only at Winchester Senior Center until Monday, Dec. 28. Delivery of frozen meals provided by Transit is suspended and will resume Tuesday, Dec. 29. Wabash County Public Transportation has now closed bus service and will also reopen Monday, Dec. 28, along with pantry service for those without transportation. All programs and services will be closed at 1 p.m. New Year's Eve, Thursday, Dec. 31, and all-day New Year's Day Friday, Jan. 1. Other than closing for holidays, Transit Dispatch – which can be reached by phone at 260-563-7536 – remains open as will Living Well Winchester Senior Center offices – which may be reached by phone at 260-563-4475. December senior supplemental food boxes will be pick-up only. To schedule a pantry appointment or to sign up for senior center remote activities and services, call 260-563-4475.

See PULSE, page A2

Inside

Classified, A9 Obituaries, A3
Comics, A10 Sports, A6
Crossword, Viewpoint, A4
A10



6 94653 00172 1

National Guard long-term care deployment extended

ISDH reports 39th COVID-19 death in Wabash County on Wednesday

By ROB BURGESS
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

On Wednesday, the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) reported the 39th COVID-19 death in Wabash County.

Though the ISDH's data reflects community spread of COVID-19 in Wabash

County remains elevated, it has edged slightly down since the week before. However, the county's rating remains in the orange or second-highest category. The ISDH dashboard was updated with results as of 11:59 p.m. Monday, Dec. 21. The county metrics map is updated at noon Wednesdays and reflects data through the previous Sunday.

And as several Wabash County long-term care facilities continued to report a steady stream of infections and deaths, the Indiana National Guard's deployment

to those locations was extended.

National Guard deployment extended

During a televised press conference Tuesday, Gov. Eric J. Holcomb announced that he will be extending the mission of the Indiana National Guard at long-term care facilities through the end of February.

In November, state officials announced more than 1,300 members of Indiana's National Guard were being deployed to the 133 hardest-hit long-term care centers to

assist with infection control practices like improved COVID-19 testing for facility residents and employees, according to the Associated Press. That support – meant, in part, to relieve health care staff – was then expanded to all 534 nursing homes in Indiana over the following three weeks, Adjutant General, Brig. Gen. Dale Lyles said.

“They’ve been a God-send, quite frankly,” said Holcomb, during a televised press conference Tuesday. “We hear from these long-term care centers saying, ‘We don’t want you to leave.

We’re really kind of hitting our groove right now. It’s good teamwork. They’re helping with screening and helping to do some of the clerical functions and so, so much more.”

That deployment was originally set to expire at the end of December, but that date has now been moved back by two months.

“That’s well into our vaccination process and protocol,” said Holcomb

For the past eight months, members of the Indiana National Guard have made

See EXTENDED, page A3

HOLIDAY WINDOW DISPLAY WINNER



Kim Osborne, owner of Wabash Pizza King, stands outside her holiday window display. Pizza King is the winner of the People's Choice Holiday Window Contest in Downtown Wabash, according to Wabash Marketplace executive director. Their windows were hand-painted with a nostalgic snowman theme. Votes were collected online from Nov 25 to 29 at <https://www.wabashmarketplace.org/vote.html>.

Provided photo

NMPL carries on Veteran's Tree tradition

Even as the main building is closed to the public, those who served are still honored

By ROB BURGESS
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

Like many public facilities, the main building of the North Manchester Public Library (NMPL) has been closed to patrons for the past few weeks due to COVID-19 restrictions.

The effects of this can be seen in those idling in their vehicles, waiting for their curbside orders to be placed on the bench when they normally would be browsing the stacks inside.

It's also meant that an annual NMPL custom won't be able to be

seen up close by the community.

Near the checkout desk sits the Veteran's Tree, which is decorated with several colorful paper ornaments honoring locals and their relatives who served in the military.

NMPL adult department manager and marketing coordinator Jeanna Hann said they have tried to get the word out about the tree by posting it on their social media accounts, but it's not the same as in previous years.

“It's so sad because nobody's going to see it,” said Hann. However, that hasn't stopped those working inside from carrying on the tradition.

Names, dates and photos adorn each ornament, each representing a different local veteran being honored by the community.



Photo by Rob Burgess / Plain Dealer

The Veteran's Tree is decorated with several colorful paper ornaments honoring locals and their relatives who served in the military.

See TRADITION, page A2

Wabash County's labor force shrinking

The area considered at full employment, but negative long-term trends remain

By ROB BURGESS
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

When the Indiana Department of Workforce Development (DWD) released their November employment report Monday, the news seemed positive on its face.

In Wabash County, unemployment was at 4 percent, which is technically considered full employment.

But, a closer look at the numbers reveals some more alarming long-term figures.

“As we have been seeing in the summer and fall, the trend of the shrinking labor force continues in northeast Indiana,” said

See LABOR, page A3

Save Our Stages Act could benefit Honeywell

\$10B bipartisan bill part of latest COVID-19 relief package

By ROB BURGESS
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

As congressional Democrats and Republicans in Washington, D.C. wrangle over the details of the latest COVID-19 relief bill, at least one part of the package is being hailed by both sides.

The Save Our Stages Act, or the SOS Act, was originally introduced into the Senate on July 22 by co-sponsors Sen. Amy Klobuchar, D-Minnesota, and Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas.

The \$10 billion, the bipartisan bill now has 58 co-sponsors in the Senate and was approved earlier this week as part of the larger relief package by the

See STAGES, page A2

Pay the Day reduced joiner fee available at the Wabash County YMCA

Those who take advantage of this can save up to \$74

STAFF REPORT

Those looking to start the New Year on the right foot and jump start those wellness goals with the Wabash County YMCA can save up to \$74 off the joiner fee, ac-

cording to CEO Dean Gogolewski. New members who join between Saturday, Dec. 26 and Tuesday, Jan. 5, 2021 will pay a \$1 joiner fee. New members who join between Wednesday, Jan. 6 and Sunday, Jan. 31, 2021 will pay the joiner fee on the day they join. "Join the YMCA family and enjoy member benefits such as group exercise class-

es, child watch services, priority registration for programs, unlimited access to the Wellness Center, indoor tennis and pickleball courts, access to the Honeywell Pool in the Summer, guest passes for family and friends, nationwide membership across the country where available, and much more," said Gogolewski. For more information, call 260-563-9622.

PULSE

From page A1

ISP to increase overtime patrols during holidays

Troopers working from the Indiana State Police (ISP) Peru Post will be increasing overtime patrols during the Christmas and New Years' driving period. This is part of the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over national enforcement mobilization that runs through Jan. 1, 2021. Officers will be searching for impaired drivers, whether it's alcohol or drugs. Officers will also be on the lookout for unbuckled motorists.

Salamonie to hold Winter Forest Day Camp

Salamonie Lake has announced an outdoor day camp from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 4, 2021, to Friday, Jan. 8, 2021, at 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews. Children ages 7 to 13 are welcome. The early bird registration discount ends Monday, Dec. 21. Events scheduled during the day camp include a daily

hike, sit spots, games, shelter and fire building, small groups to prepare and present short presentations on nature topics. Participants will also meet education birds-of-prey ambassadors. The cost per child is \$60 and \$55 for each additional sibling. For more information and registration, call 260-468-2127. Limited space is available. For more information, visit dnr.IN.gov/uwis.

Honeywell seeking artist entries for Clark Gallery 92 County Art Show

Honeywell Arts & Entertainment will be hosting its annual 92 County Art Show in the Honeywell Center Clark Gallery from Thursday, Jan. 7, 2021, to Monday, Feb. 15, 2021. Entries will be accepted from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 4. The competition is open to artists of all ages living in any of the 92 Indiana counties. For a list of complete guidelines and artist entry information, visit HoneywellArts.org/92-county. The exhibit will be available for public viewing from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays through Fridays and will be hosted


virtually via HoneywellArts.org and the Honeywell Center's Facebook and Instagram pages. For more information, visit <http://honeywellarts.org/exhibits>.

Second Harvest to hold tailgate food distribution every other Wednesday


Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central Indiana has planned tailgate food distributions for 1 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 13, 2021, at Manchester Church of the Brethren, 1306 Beckley St., North Manchester; and 11 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 27, 2021, at Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, 2147 Indiana 15. For more information, visit www.curehunger.org, classy.org/campaign/hunger-action-month/c299182 or <https://www.givepulse.com/group/203410>.

Editor's note: If you have an upcoming event to submit, please send it by email to news@wabashplaindealer.com no later than five days before the event itself. Please use complete sentences, Associated Press style and Microsoft Word or PDF file formats.


5-Day Weather Summary




Saturday
Mostly Sunny
37 / 27




Sunday
Mostly Cloudy
45 / 29



Monday
Mostly Cloudy
36 / 22




Tuesday
Mostly Cloudy
34 / 27




Wednesday
Rain & Snow Possible
44 / 36

Sun and Moon


Today's sunset 5:25 p.m.
Tomorrow's sunrise 8:02 a.m.




Full
12/29



Last
1/6



New
1/13



First
1/20

Detailed Local Outlook

Today we will see mostly sunny skies, high temperature of 38°, humidity of 48%. Southwest wind 6 to 10 mph. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight, overnight low of 27°. South wind 8 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 20°. Sunday, skies will be mostly cloudy, high of 45°, humidity of 70%.

STAGES

From page A1

Senate. This bill authorizes the Small Business Administration (SBA) to make grants to eligible to live venue operators, producers, promoters or talent representatives to address the economic effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on certain live venues. These funds have the potential to make a huge impact in Wabash County, specifically for the Honeywell Foundation, which has been hit particularly hard by the pandemic. "The Ford Theater and Eagles Theatre stages have

been dark since March," said public relations and marketing coordinator Morgan Ellis on Tuesday. "We greatly miss hosting the variety of talented artists who would visit our community to provide an uplifting evening of entertainment. Our stages, and the events that happen on them, are woven into the social fabric of our community and we applaud the recognition that they are worthy of saving." Specifically, the SBA may make an initial grant of up to \$12 million to an eligible operator, promoter, producer or talent representative; and a supplemental grant that is equal to 50 percent of the initial

grant. An initial grant must be used for costs incurred between March 1, 2020, and Dec. 31, 2020, but a supplemental grant may be used for expenses incurred through June 30, 2021. Such grants shall be used for specified expenses such as payroll costs, rent, utilities and personal protective equipment. "The Save Our Stages idea is great and I hope the Honeywell can utilize this," said Grow Wabash County CEO and president Keith Gillenwater on Wednesday. Rob Burgess, Wabash Plain Dealer editor, may be reached by email at rburgess@wabashplaindealer.com.



Photos by Rob Burgess / Plain Dealer

With the building closed, the NMPL has posted photos of the tree on their social media accounts.



Names, dates and photos adorn each ornament, each representing a different local veteran being honored by the community.

TRADITION

From page A1

One says Homer Ousley Jr. served in the U.S. Army from 1964 to 1966. Another indicates Rex Reahard served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. Others only have names

and photos, like the ones that feature a smiling, uniformed man identified as Bruce Pottenger, U.S. Air Force Technical Sergeant Joe Garcia, Tad Lochner, Aaron Brown and Carl McShirley. "We thank all our amazing veterans for serving," said Hann. "Your sacrifices

have not been forgotten." Hann said after being closed for Christmas Eve and Christmas, the NMPL curbside service will resume from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 28. Rob Burgess, Wabash Plain Dealer editor, may be reached by email at rburgess@wabashplaindealer.com.



16 N. Miami St. Peru
765-473-7211

A fresh approach to investing...

- No automated phone hassle!
- Talk to a real person!
- Brokerage, IRAs and Rollovers
- Estate Planning
- Risk Management

Call Us to Learn More



Erica Markiewicz

Registered Representative

Member FINRA and SIPC



Check us out on Facebook at
Wabash Plain Dealer



Wabash Plain Dealer

VOL. 162 NO. 183

99 W. Canal St., Wabash, Ind. 46992

Circulation

- Customer Service 260-563-2131
- Telephone Hours: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- Delivery: Your newspaper is delivered by the USPS and will arrive with your daily mail.
- Missed your paper? We sincerely hope not, but if you did please contact your local post office. To verify that your account is active, call us at 260-563-2131.
- Home delivery subscription rates: 13 weeks, \$59.50. EZ-Pay, monthly, \$18.65.

Other payment options available

by calling Subscriber Services at 260-563-2131.

POSTMASTER: Send address change to Wabash Plain Dealer, 99 W. Canal St., Wabash, IN 46992.

- There will be a \$10 early termination fee to cancel an existing subscription prior to expiration date.

Advertising

- 260-563-2131 (after hours, press 5 for advertising)
- Classified: classifieds@wabashplaindealer.com
- Legals: legals@wabashplaindealer.com
- Retail: cbrown@wabashplaindealer.com

Talk to us

Linda Kelsay, Publisher
lkelsay@wabashplaindealer.com

Rob Burgess, Editor
rburgess@wabashplaindealer.com

Travis Campbell, Advertising Director
tcampbell@pmginni.com

Main number: 260-563-2131

Newsroom
260-563-2131
news@wabashplaindealer.com

Website
www.wabashplaindealer.com

Fax: 260-563-0816

USPS 663-940

Wabash Plain Dealer
established September 1858

Published Wednesdays and Saturdays (except on postal holidays) by Paxton Media Group, by the Wabash Plain Dealer, 99 W. Canal St., Wabash, IN 46992. Periodical postage paid at Wabash, Ind.

No portion of this publication may be reproduced without the written consent of the General Sales Manager of the Wabash Plain Dealer.

Obituaries

Federal report: Indiana GDP saw significant 3rd-quarter rise

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Indiana’s gross domestic product rose significantly in the third quarter as consumers and businesses adapted to the coronavirus pandemic, but the state’s economy has yet to regain the ground it lost to virus-related business disruptions, a federal reports shows.

Wednesday’s report from the U.S. Commerce Department shows that Indiana’s real gross domestic product rose at a seasonally adjusted annualized rate of 43.3 percent

from July through September. That’s up from negative 33 percent in the second quarter.

The increase was driven in part by durable goods manufacturing, up nearly 10 percent, and nondurable goods manufacturing, up nearly 5 percent, according to the report from the agency’s Bureau of Economic Analysis.

Indiana’s real GDP rose to \$379 billion in the third quarter, up from \$344 billion in the second quarter, the report shows.

But a closer look at the data reveals that Indiana has yet to regain all of the economic ground it lost to the pandemic’s business disruptions, The Indianapolis Star reported.

“The numbers are good for the third quarter, but they don’t get it back to where we were this time last year,” said Michael Hicks, director of Ball State’s Center for Business and Economic Research.

He said Indiana remains in the throes of a major depression, and in terms of declining

GDP, 2020 is one of the very worst years in state history. Hicks said the pandemic has resulted in a splintered economic recovery where higher-earning workers are faring better than workers at the middle and lower ends of the labor market.

He anticipates that Indiana could likely experience another decline in GDP in the fourth quarter due to the weakening economy, permanent job losses and under-employed workers.

EXTENDED

From page A1

their presence felt in Wabash County. Local deployments in response to the COVID-19 pandemic have included long-term care facilities, food bank tailgate distributions, and, more recently, free testing sites.

Last month, Peabody Retirement Community executive director Rod Craft said they were one of the communities receiving assistance. Craft said three Indiana National Guard soldiers were assisting them with entering over 900 test results weekly at their facility, as well as screening employees and guests before entering the building.

Holcomb signs executive order

On Wednesday, Gov. Eric Holcomb signed Executive Order 20-51, which extended the temporary licensing of healthcare workers for 90 days, allowing individuals who are not currently licensed to practice in Indiana to have a temporary license.

“This order applies to retired healthcare professionals, certain healthcare students and out-of-state healthcare professionals,” said press secretary Rachel Hoffmeyer.

Hoffmeyer said the order also allows properly trained individuals, such as certain paramedics and EMTs and members of the National Guard, to administer the COVID-19 vaccine. Medical assistants can also administer the vaccine under the supervision of a physician, physician assistant, advanced practice registered nurse or registered nurse.

Hoffmeyer said in response to the high volume of unemployment claims, the order continues the suspension of certain requirements to expedite the hiring and training of temporary workers to more quickly resolve unemployment issues.

LABOR

From page A1

Purdue University Fort Wayne Community Research Institute (CRI) director Rachel Blakeman on Monday. “While counties had fewer unemployed workers from October to November, most also had fewer employed workers.”

Blakeman said using year-over-year numbers, the negative trend on all numbers, including employed workers, workers seeking employment and the unemployment rate, was “more dramatic.”

“Although the ‘full employment’ metric of below 5 percent unemployment is true of all but Allen County, which was at 5 percent last month, the shrinking labor force shows the enduring economic effects of the pandemic,” said Blakeman. “There are no particular events in November, unlike the shutdown orders or students returning to school, that CRI can identify that would drive down the labor force so uniformly other than pandemic fatigue of workers.”

Blakeman said they anticipated they were seeing the effects of COVID-19

Professionals who are granted a temporary license to provide healthcare services in the state in response to this public health emergency must register with the Professional Licensing Agency via their website at www.in.gov/pla.

Testing continues at Parkview Wabash

OptumServe will administer free COVID-19 testing from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays at Parkview Wabash Hospital “on an on-going basis.” Testing will take place at 8 John Kissinger Drive in the first-floor conference room of the Medical Office Building (MOB) adjoining Parkview Wabash Hospital. Testing site patrons should not use the MOB entrance or enter through the hospital, but instead, enter and exit through the designated entrance between the two buildings. Signage will mark the appropriate entrance, which is within a few steps of the conference room and testing site.

Residents will have to register to schedule an appointment through the Optum/LHI website by visiting <https://lhi.care/covidtesting> or by calling 888-634-1116.

Long-term care facilities

The ISDH’s long-term care facilities dashboard was updated at noon Wednesday, Dec. 23 with results as of Wednesday, Dec. 16. New positive cases and deaths have occurred over a range of dates but were reported to the ISDH seven days before the last dashboard update.

In Wabash County, only Bickford of Wabash reported no cases.

Otherwise, during the latest update, in Wabash County:

- Timbertcrest Senior Living Community in North Manchester reported seven total resident positive cases, fewer than five total resident

deaths and 34 staff positive cases.

- Peabody Retirement Community in North Manchester reported fewer than five new resident deaths, 52 total resident positive cases, eight total resident deaths and 111 staff positive cases.
- Wellbrooke of Wabash reported nine new resident positive cases, five new resident deaths, 25 total resident positive cases, eight total resident deaths and 22 staff positive cases.
- Autumn Ridge Rehabilitation Centre reported 19 total resident positive cases, fewer than five total resident deaths and 14 staff positive cases.
- Vernon Health and Rehabilitation reported fewer than five new resident positive cases, 34 total resident positive cases, fewer than five total resident deaths and 25 staff positive cases.
- Rolling Meadows Health Care Center in LaFontaine reported fewer than five new resident positive cases, fewer than five new resident deaths, 55 total resident positive cases, 12 total resident deaths and 15 staff positive cases.
- Miller’s Merry Manor – Wabash East reported fewer than five new resident positive cases, seven total resident positive cases and 17 staff positive cases.
- Miller’s Merry Manor – Wabash West reported fewer than five total resident positive cases and nine staff positive cases.

Local figures

On Wednesday, the ISDH reported 15 new local positive COVID-19 cases, bringing Wabash County’s total to 2,480, with 11,762 tests. The local seven-day positivity rating for all tests was 11.3 percent. The local seven-day positivity rating for unique individuals was 23.6 percent.

On Thursday, the ISDH reported 23 new local positive COVID-19 cases, bringing Wabash County’s total to 2,503, with 11,829 tests.

The local seven-day positivity rating for all tests was 12.4 percent. The local seven-day positivity rating for unique individuals was 25 percent.

Statewide figures

On Thursday, the ISDH announced that 6,288 additional Hoosiers have been diagnosed with COVID-19 through testing at state and private laboratories. That brings to 482,734 the number of Indiana residents now known to have had the novel coronavirus following corrections to the previous day’s dashboard.

A total of 7,391 Hoosiers are confirmed to have died from COVID-19, an increase of 85 from the previous day. Another 339 probable deaths have been reported based on clinical diagnoses in patients for whom no positive test is on record. Deaths are reported based on when data are received by the state and occurred over multiple days.

To date, 2,572,545 unique individuals have been tested in Indiana, up from 2,556,493 on Wednesday. A total of 5,431,146 tests, including repeat tests for unique individuals, have been reported to the ISDH since Feb. 26.

In addition to the Wabash site, the ISDH will offer free COVID-19 testing from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday at the following locations:

- Knox Community Center, 55 E. Lake St., Knox
- Washington County Fairgrounds, 118 N. Fair St., Salem
- Westport Community Building, 205 W. Main St., Westport
- Whitley County 4-H Center, 680 W. Squawbuck Road, Columbia City

To find other testing sites around the state, visit www.coronavirus.in.gov and click on the COVID-19 testing information link.

Rob Burgess, Wabash Plain Dealer editor, may be reached by email at rburgess@wabashplaindealer.com.

Suzanne Smith

Jan. 18, 1952 – Dec. 23, 2020

Suzanne Smith, 68, of Wabash, passed away December 23, 2020.

Suzanne is survived by one son, Philip Chris (Rachal) Smith, of Warsaw; one daughter, Noelle (William) Hunter, of Wabash; three granddaughters, Bailey Good, of North Carolina, Maddison Hunter and Makenna Hunter, both of Wabash; two brothers, Da-

vid Wingate, of Oklahoma and Matthew Myers, of Austin, Texas; and three sisters, Cheryl Saunders, of Wabash, Melissa (Brian) Middleton, of Wabash and Johnna (Darl) Fox, of Austin, Texas. She was preceded in death by one sister.

A private celebration of life service will be held at a later date at Church of Christ at Treaty.

Leonard Doyle Davidson

Funeral services for Leonard Doyle Davidson, 69, of Lagro, will be 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, December 29, 2020 at Grandstaff-Hentgen

Funeral Service, Wabash. Friends may call 5:00 – 8:00 p.m., Monday. Burial in Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash.

David Eugene Trisler

March 8, 1967 – Dec. 7, 2020

David Eugene Trisler, Jr., 53 of Indianapolis, formerly of Logansport and Wabash, passed away unexpectedly Monday, December 7, 2020, in Lakeview Manor, Indianapolis.



Born March 8, 1967, in Wabash County, he was the son of David Eugene Sr. and Brenda Joyce (Lengel) Trisler. His father, Dave, survives in Wabash.

David was a 1985 graduate of Huntington North High School. He had worked at the Peak Community workshop in Logansport.

A proud member of the Cass County Special Olympics, David enjoyed bowling and bocce ball. He loved people and lively conversation. David always had a stack of word puzzles handy and loved nothing more

than Mountain Dew... lots of it! He enjoyed spending time with special friends Rita Bashore and Kenneth Licklider.

Surviving with his father are his sister, Diana (Jeremy) Tucker, Wabash; his brother, Jim (Jodi) Trisler, LaFontaine; three nephews, Hunter Tucker, J.D. Trisler, and Jordan Trisler; his aunt, Pamela Lengel, Wabash; and his guardian, Cinda Milan, Logansport.

He was preceded in death by his mother and grandparents.

A Celebration of Life is planned for a later date. Arrangements have been entrusted to Fisher Funeral Chapel & Cremation Services.

You may share memories, photos and condolences on David’s Tribute Wall at www.fisherfuneralchapel.com

John Wallace Whiting

April 11, 1927 – Dec. 21, 2020

John Wallace Whiting, 93, North Manchester, Indiana, passed away December 21, 2020 at Peabody Healthcare Center, North Manchester, Indiana.

The loving memory of John Wallace Whiting will be forever cherished by his wife, Gloria Elaine Whiting, North Manchester, Indiana; sons, J. Kirk (Betty) Whiting, Chesterton, Indiana and Keith A.

(Paula) Whiting, North Manchester, Indiana; brother-in-law, Ted Rogers; and lifelong friend, Pastor Larry Ray, North Manchester, Indiana.

A graveside service will be held Monday, December 28, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. at Maysville Cemetery, 14 Lunice Creek Highway, Maysville, West Virginia.

Arrangements are entrusted to McKee Mortuary.

IN BRIEF

City Hall closed through Monday

Wabash City Hall and all non-emergency departments closed as of 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 23, according to Mayor Scott Long’s assistant Bev Vanderpool. All

Wabash City Departments will reopen at 8 a.m. Monday, Dec. 28.

“This will allow our employees to spend time with their friends and families,” said Vanderpool. “Mayor Long would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas.”

The future is for you

By JERRY GAUTHIER

“Behold, the former things have come to pass, And new things I declare; Before they spring forth I tell you of them.” Isaiah 42:9

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, but how are we reacting over this new year of 2021?

Everybody has figured the past is what we did and the future is whatever we make it. The supposed debunking of God’s work in the past automatically leaves no hope for the Lord’s work in the future. Man naturally prefers to be in control as sinners, since God does not seem to care. This is why the motto in society today is to “plan, plan and plan.” There is a fixation on calculations, a desire to make things look just right, and even seek after more options. Our rehearsal over the future has met COVID-19 and it leaves us to wonder over how much we can and should control.

Beyond conflict over plans, a distrust with plans and disappointment in plans made by men. God has made plans by the Gospel for more than a new year. St. Paul says, “In the same way we also when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. But when the fullness of time had come,

God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, ‘Abba! Father!’ So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.” (Galatians 4:3-7)

The interruptions in our lives are to find the Lord pulling us back to His Son especially during the bad times. The child born of the Virgin Mary was destined to bear the cross and be our Savior. If you cannot accept the fact that God has worked in the past you will not have hope that He will work any good for your future. Baptism promises an adoption of grace planned out for you by God’s Name. We all make plans, but that was never holding up the future. This is why true promises come to us by God’s Holy Word and Sacraments. These are the “new things” that spring forth from Christ alone against all sin, death, and darkness. We do not have to throw away our planners, but God’s gift by the Gospel never changes. It is good for more than a new year, but a lifetime of forgiveness, life and salvation for you in Jesus.

Jerry Gauthier is the pastor of Zion Lutheran Church.

Opinion

SPEAK UP

How to contact your legislators:

U.S. Sen. Todd Young, R-Ind.
B33 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510
1-202-224-5623
<http://young.senate.gov/contact>

U.S. Sen. Mike Braun, R-Ind.
B85 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510
202-224-4814
<http://braun.senate.gov/>

U.S. Rep. Jackie Walorski, R-District 2
419 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515
202-225-3915

State Sen. Andy Zay, R-District 17
Indiana Senate
200 W. Washington St.
Indianapolis, IN 46204
1-800-382-9467
Senator.Zay@iga.in.gov

State Rep. David Wolkins, R-District 18
Indiana House
200 W. Washington St.
Indianapolis, IN 46204
1-800-382-9841
h18@in.gov

To email any Indiana lawmaker, go to this website: www.in.gov/cgi-bin/legislative/contact/contact.pl

LETTERS GUIDELINES

The Wabash Plain Dealer encourages your letters to the editor forum, which is designed to be a forum for exchange of ideas between readers about issues of community importance.

Please sign your letter. Your name will be used with the letter that is published in the Plain Dealer. Your letter will be returned if it is your desire to remain anonymous.

Since we may want to write or call you to verify the letter, we ask that you include your address and telephone number. All our letters to the editor are published in the interest of fair play, so we trust our letter writers will refrain from personal attacks on other persons or groups.

A letter should be less than two pages long, preferably of double-spaced typing.

In order to give everyone an opportunity to participate in this exchange of ideas, please try to limit your letters to one per month per household.

To submit a letter, please write the Wabash Plain Dealer at 99 W. Canal St., Wabash, IN 46992.

Letters also may be hand-delivered to the newspaper office, 99 W. Canal St. The office is open 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. Monday through Friday. If you should deliver a letter during non-business hours, a drop slot is located to the left of the front door. Letters may be faxed to 260-563-0816, or email them to news@wabashplainedeal.com with "Letters to the Editor" in the subject line.



DAILY SCRIPTURE

In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him.

1 John 4:9

The United States must hit back, hard, after a cyberattack by Russia

‘It also could be somebody sitting on their bed that weighs 400 pounds,” said Donald Trump in 2016 about the hack of the Democratic National Committee, undermining the then-confirmed fact that it was Russian intelligence operatives.

The sequel is more cringe-inducing than the original. Even as the rest of the nation and his own secretary of state sound the alarm about a much more extensive series of breaches and point the finger at Russia, Trump downplays them and suggests Vladimir Putin’s regime may be blameless.

“The Cyber Hack is far greater in the Fake News Media than in actuality,” tweeted the defector-in-chief, baselessly as usual. “I have been fully briefed and everything is well under control. Russia, Russia, Russia is the priority chant when anything happens because Lamestream is, for

mostly financial reasons, petrified of discussing the possibility that it may be China (it may!).”

That’s Trump: His hair is on fire about wholly manufactured conspiracy theories, while he waves away the grave risk of severe damage done by serious adversaries.

The intrusion at issue could endanger American security for years to come. The federal government’s lead cybersecurity agency says that the breach “poses a grave risk to the federal government.” The Defense and Homeland Security Departments were hit. So was the Energy Department, overseer of the nation’s nuclear infrastructure. And the Treasury and Commerce Departments. And state and local governments. And Fortune 500 companies.

It began when users downloaded an update for network-monitoring software by a company called Solar-

Winds; it was infected with Russian malware. That blew a security hole that let hackers working for the Russian foreign intelligence waltz right in and grab who knows what.

Step one is determining the extent of the damage done, while gathering forensic evidence to definitively nail the perpetrators. That’s no simple task, as the scale and duration of the invasion could allow a maddening web of crimes, including mass falsification of information.

Step two is making clear that an intrusion so sweeping will not go unpunished, lest America winds up inviting brazen attacks not only from Russia but from China, North Korea, Iran and others.

Step three is striking back with intensity – a job that, given Trump’s hesitancy, will likely fall to Joe Biden.

This editorial was first published in The New York Daily News.

Indiana’s hospital monopolies worse than California

Last Sunday night I sat in front of the TV a few extra minutes basking in the Colts victory. Much to my delight, the venerable “60 Minutes” teaser announced they’d profile the civil anti-trust case of Sutter Health in Sacramento California. This reporting should be interesting to Hoosiers and their elected leaders. Here’s why.

Since the Affordable Care Act was passed, healthcare systems in the United States have been rapidly acquiring independent hospitals. They have also bought up physician practices and specialty care clinics. This potentially limits patient choice of hospitals and monopolizes the stream of patients flowing into their facilities. Hospitals around the

country have also structured contracts that force bundles of services on employees.

Anyone who had a good American history course in high school might remember that these are textbook examples of those business practices that were prohibited by Gilded Age Anti-Trust laws. The landmark case was U.S. v. Standard Oil, which set the stage for modern anti-trust. Today, you can replace “oil company” with “hospital system,” “independent oil producer” with “physician office” and a tuxedoed John D. Rockefeller with a smiling CEO/physician in a lab coat, and you have much of today’s healthcare markets. It is a problem ripe for litigation.

Almost one year ago, Sutter Health was sued by the State of California for anti-trust violations like those listed above. Sutter settled the case an hour or so before stepping foot into the courtroom. They agreed to pay \$575 million to the State of California, submit to a special pricing oversight for the next ten years and end their anti-trust practices. They got off lightly.

What should surprise and anger Hoosiers is that much of Indiana suffers healthcare markets that are more monopolized market areas than Sacramento California. In fact, close to one-half of Indiana’s healthcare markets as defined by the Affordable Care Act are more monopolized than the one in which California brought suit against Sutter Health. There are a lot more issues that should trouble us.

California residents pay 16.2 percent of their incomes for healthcare, while Hoosiers pay 20.8 percent. Since 2000, California residents saw their cost share of health spending grow by only about half the rate that of Indiana families. Today Indiana’s hospital monopolies are financially damaging to Indiana’s economy and Hoosier families.

The “60 Minutes” story also highlighted the vast cost differences that exist between hospitals in the highly monopolized and more competitive regions of California. Their example was on a childbirth, which is twice as expensive in the Sutter Health region as in a nearby city. That prompted me to check the data for Indiana.

I chose my community because I live near a hospital in one of the most monopolized healthcare markets in the United States. As it turns out, a normal delivery at my local hospital in Muncie was priced at \$19,488. The closest hospitals outside this healthcare market was in Anderson. The prices for the same procedure were \$7,386. The closest hospital inside the same healthcare market charged \$21,305 for the same procedure, and of course that was part of the same not-for-profit healthcare company.

Now, just to be clear, these aren’t my data. The hospital pricing data are those submitted by these hospitals to the federal government. Nor are the monopolization data sets mine; they come from a study funded by the IHA to discredit my work. Oddly enough, the IHA-funded study actually reported levels of monopolization that are above the U.S. Department of Justice threshold to trigger anti-trust intervention in every single Indiana healthcare market. It is also worth noting that in 2018 and 2019 Sutter Health was less profitable than Indiana’s top four largest hospital chains. As a painful reminder, all of these hospital chains are not-for-profit firms.

Of course, the defenders of hospital monopolies will argue that the price differences have real causes. They’ll say operating costs are different, or they’ll sponsor some public health researcher to claim there are vast differences between the behavioral health characteristics in these two places. They will claim that these factors account for a normal delivery in Muncie to be a bit more than twice the cost of Anderson. After all, John D. Rockefeller made the same arguments.

Now, I’m sure this column will prompt another round of op-ed pieces by monopoly apologists complaining about my biases and general ignorance of economics. Again, that is right out of John D. Rockefeller’s playbook, and if you are going to run a successful monopoly, he provided a superb example.

Of course, I should remain silent about the upcoming attacks and whining letters to my employer. After all, I’m unlikely to be a good judge of my own shortcomings. But, I will say this much in defense of the dozens of hospital monopoly studies. When it comes to hospital pricing and profits, you may believe either what they tell you in newspapers, or what they tell the IRS and other federal agencies; you cannot believe both.

Oh, and there’s one more interesting twist on the Sutter Health case and its implication for hospital monopolies around the country. California’s attorney general, Xavier Becerra, who brought suit against Sutter Health, has been nominated to head the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. I am so looking forward to 2021.

Michael J. Hicks, PhD, is the director of the Center for Business and Economic Research and the George and Frances Ball distinguished professor of economics in the Miller College of Business at Ball State University. Hicks earned doctoral and master’s degrees in economics from the University of Tennessee and a bachelor’s degree in economics from Virginia Military Institute. He has authored two books and more than 60 scholarly works focusing on state and local public policy, including tax and expenditure policy and the impact of Wal-Mart on local economies.



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Make quitting smoking a priority for the new year

The holiday season looks a little different this year, and stress levels may be at an all-time high for many of us. But the new year is here, and it’s a great time for fresh starts. If you’re someone who uses tobacco, the best thing you can do for your health this year is to make a quit plan. Smoking is still the number one cause of preventable death in Indiana. Deciding to quit in 2021 can dramatically reduce your risk for life-threatening diseases and even make all of your holiday meals taste better.

Quit plans may include:

Combine quit smoking strategies to keep you focused, confident, and motivated to quit.

Help identify challenges you will face as you quit and ways to overcome them.

Can improve your chances of quitting smoking for good.

A trained quit coach at 800-Quit-Now can help with a quit plan.

SmokeFree.gov includes the following steps for having a successful quit plan:

Pick a quit date.

Let loved ones know you are quitting.

Remove reminders of smoking.

Identify your reasons to

quit smoking.

Identify your smoking triggers.

Develop coping strategies.

Have places you can turn to for immediate help. The Wabash County Tobacco Free Coalition is a place that can assist you with help to be successful at quitting. For more information, call 260-274-2920 or email tobacco.freewabash@hotmail.com.

Set up rewards for Quit Milestones.

Free, confidential help is available online at QuitNow-Indiana.com.

Make 2021 your best year yet by deciding to quit.

Dan Gray
Director, Wabash County Tobacco Free Coalition

HISTORY

Today is Saturday, Dec. 26, the 361st day of 2020. There are five days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On Dec. 26, 2004, more than 230,000 people, mostly in southern Asia, were killed by a 100-foot-high tsunami triggered by a 9.1-magnitude earthquake beneath the Indian Ocean.

On this date:

In 1776, British forces suffered a major defeat in the Battle of Trenton during the Revolutionary War.

In 1799, former President George Washington was eulogized by Col. Henry Lee as “first in war, first in peace and first in the hearts of his countrymen.”

In 1908, Jack Johnson became the first African-American boxer to win the world heavyweight championship as he defeated Canadian Tommy Burns in Sydney, Australia.

In 1910, the London Palladium, Britain’s famous variety theater, first opened.

In 1917, during World War I, President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation authorizing the government to take over operation of the nation’s railroads.

In 1941, during World War II, Winston Churchill became the

first British prime minister to address a joint meeting of the U.S. Congress.

In 1980, Iranian television footage was broadcast in the United States, showing a dozen of the American hostages sending messages to their families.

In 1985, Ford Motor Company began selling its Taurus and Sable sedans and station wagons.

In 1994, French commandos stormed a hijacked Air France jetliner on the ground in Marseille, killing four Algerian hijackers and freeing 170 hostages.

In 1996, six-year-old beauty queen JonBenet Ramsey was found beaten and strangled in the basement of her family’s home in Boulder, Colorado. (To date, the slaying remains unsolved.)

In 2003, an earthquake struck the historic Iranian city of Bam, killing at least 26,000 people. Three snowboarders were killed in an avalanche in Provo Canyon, Utah.

In 2006, former President Gerald R. Ford died in Rancho Mirage, California, at age 93.

Ten years ago: A powerful East Coast blizzard stranded thousands of travelers and dumped more than a foot of

snow in some areas. Salvador Jorge Blanco, 84, a former president of the Dominican Republic, died in Santo Domingo. Soul singer-songwriter Teena Marie, 54, died in Pasadena, California.

Five years ago: A new onslaught of tornadoes began erupting in the South; twisters ended up hitting parts of Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana, and Mississippi. Chicago police killed 19-year-old Quintonio LeGrier, a college student who an officer said was coming at him with a bat, and 55-year-old Bettie Jones, a neighbor who police said was shot accidentally. Basketball player Stephen Curry was named The Associated Press 2015 Male Athlete of the Year.

Today’s Birthdays: Rhythm-and-blues singer Abdul “Duke” Fakir (The Four Tops) is 85. Record producer (and convicted murderer) Phil Spector is 81. “America’s Most Wanted” host John Walsh is 75. Country musician Bob Carpenter (The Nitty Gritty Dirt Band) is 74. Funk musician George Porter Jr. (The Meters) is 73. Baseball Hall of Fame catcher Carlton Fisk is 73. Retired MLB All-Star Chris Chambliss is 72. Baseball Hall of Famer Ozzie Smith is 66.

Lifestyles

Hygge meatballs

It’s winter, nearly the new year, and uncertain times. With that convergence, we could all do with some hygge right now. You might have heard about hygge, a Danish word that’s made a splash beyond its Nordic borders. It’s an appealing term, albeit linguistically

Lynda Balslev



challenging (pronounced WHO-gheh). The meaning, however, is hardly challenging. Hygge is an intrinsic notion of comfort, warmth and coziness that transcends borders and language. It’s not so much an object as it is a state of being. Hygge and its adjective, hyggelig, can refer to a gathering, a meal, a conversation, or simply a collective and communal moment, enhanced by good will and simple yet pleasurable things, such as flickering candles, fleecy blankets, a cup of tea, an uplifting conversation or delicious homemade food. Hygge is nondenominational, non-judgmental, undemanding and egalitarian. No wonder it’s so popular. We all need a dose of it.

Which brings me to meatballs.

If there is any food group that evokes intergenerational and international comfort, it’s meatballs. Not only do they simply taste great, meatballs are in nearly every cuisine and enjoyed by children and adults alike. Your mother likely made meatballs, and so did her mother. They are the epitome of comfort food, burrowed into our culinary DNA, establishing a baseline that transcends economy, class and the ages.

And, as with most comfort food, meatballs are an efficient means to stretch inexpensive cuts of meat by jumbling the ingredients

with herbs and spices, and braising them in rich and robust sauces and stews, ladling them over noodles, swiping them in dipping sauce, and piling them into double-fisted sandwiches. There is a recipe for everyone and every preference, including vegetarian with beans and legumes.

Eating them is unpretentious, comforting and immensely fulfilling, and bets are that you’ve been nibbling on meatballs since you were old enough to wrap your fingers around them. So, while I cannot light a fire or knit mittens for you, I can at least share a meatball recipe with you, and wish you a hyggelig meal.

In keeping with the origin of hygge, these lettuce wraps are inspired by Nordic cuisine with straightforward, no-nonsense spices and garnishes. I’ve taken the liberty to substitute cranberries for what would be lingonberries, which grow prolifically in Sweden. Lingonberries can be tricky to find here, however, unless you live next to an IKEA. Cranberries provide the same tart kick, and you might even have some left over from Thanksgiving.

Spiced Meatball Lettuce Wraps With Cranberry and Dill
Active Time: 45 minutes
Total Time: 45 minutes, plus 1 hour chilling time
Yield: Makes 24 to 28 meatballs

Compote:
2 cups fresh or frozen cranberries
1/2 cup sugar
1 sprig rosemary
Pinch of salt
Meatballs:
1 tablespoon unsalted butter
1 small yellow onion, finely chopped, about 1/2 cup
3 garlic cloves, minced
1 pound ground beef
1 pound ground pork
1 large egg, lightly beaten



Photo by Lynda Balslev for TasteFood

1/2 cup breadcrumbs, such as panko
1/2 cup fresh parsley leaves, finely chopped
1/3 cup fresh dill, chopped, plus extra for garnish
2 teaspoons salt
1 teaspoon dried thyme
1 1/2 teaspoons freshly ground black pepper, plus more for garnish
Olive oil for pan-frying
Butter lettuce or little gem lettuce leaves
Sour cream or whole-milk European-style plain yogurt

Prepare the compote:
Combine all of the compote ingredients in a medium saucepan over medium heat. Cook, stirring to dissolve the sugar. Reduce the heat to medium-low and simmer until the berries break down and the compote thickens, about 15 minutes. Remove from the heat, discard the rosemary sprig and cool.
Prepare the meatballs:
Melt the butter in a small saucepan. Add the onion

and garlic and saute until the onion is soft, about 4 minutes. Transfer to a large bowl and cool slightly, then add the remaining ingredients. Gently mix to uniformly combine without overmixing. Using your hands, form the meat in 1-to-1 1/2-inch meatballs. Arrange on a plate and refrigerate for 1 hour.
Heat 2 tablespoons oil in a skillet over medium heat. Add the meatballs in batches without overcrow-

ing. Cook until browned on both sides and thoroughly cooked through, 8 to 10 minutes. Transfer to a plate lined with paper towels to drain and repeat with the remaining meatballs. Keep warm.
To serve, place 1 to 2 meatballs in the center of a lettuce leaf. Top with a small dollop of compote and sour cream. Garnish with additional black pepper and dill sprigs. Roll up and eat.

Your next stimulus check may not be in the mail until Jan. 15

The \$900 billion pandemic-relief bill Congress passed Monday night provides a second stimulus payment of up to \$600 to individuals earning \$75,000 or less and up to \$1,200 for couples filing jointly earning \$150,000 or less. Families are also eligible for \$600 per dependent child under 17.

Michelle Singletary



But, based on glitches from the last distribution of stimulus payments, I need to manage your expectations – and Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin should have done that, too. “People are going to begin seeing this money next week,” Mnuchin said during a CNBC interview Monday. This sets up the IRS for a herculean task. The already-beleaguered agency is still trying to address backlogs from coronavirus shutdowns that sent its staff home. There are 2019 tax tax returns and refunds to process from the delayed 2020 tax season, which shifted its deadline to July 15 this year. Dale Raby, 64, of Rockland, Wisconsin, is caring for his severely autistic 24-year-old son. He received his \$1,200 stimulus payment under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act, or Cares Act, which passed in March, but he’s still waiting on a refund from his 2019 federal return, which he said he filed elec-

tronically in February. “It’s very frustrating,” he said. “The IRS is sitting on more than \$4,000 of money I could really use about now. You call and wait for hours, and when you finally get somebody, they say, ‘We are way behind.’” Payments for this second round of stimulus aid are based on people’s 2019 return. Under the Cares Act, the Treasury Department has until Dec. 31 to finish issuing the first economic-impact payments. It’s possible people will see the second stimulus payment by direct deposit by year’s end, but the reality is many others probably won’t get any money before mid-January or even later next year. This all has to happen, I might add, while the IRS is preparing for the 2021 tax season, which is already going to be a hot mess because of the pandemic. The relief bill says the Treasury Department has until Jan. 15 to get out the \$600 payments. If payments can’t be direct-deposited or mailed by then, people will have to wait to get their money when they file their 2020 tax return next year. Even those who file just as the tax season opens may not see a payment until February. If you file your return electronically and elect direct deposit, it can still take about three weeks to get a refund. The first stimulus rollout had some major glitches. Deceased people got checks. Foreign nationals received

stimulus money even though they were not living or working in the United States. People in prison who received stimulus payments were told to send the money back to the IRS. Then a lawsuit filed against the IRS and Treasury Department reversed that policy decision, so payments to incarcerated individuals had to be reissued. By the way, the most recent bill does not exclude prison inmates from receiving stimulus payments. The IRS lost stimulus payment information for hundreds of thousands of low-income Americans. Parents receiving certain government benefits – such as Supplemental Security Income – didn’t get the \$500 payments for their eligible children, prompting another lawsuit. As a result, the IRS set and extended and then pushed out again deadlines for these parents and others to get their stimulus money. The Treasury Department mailed prepaid debit cards to millions of Americans. But many people thought the cards were a scam and threw them away, prompting the department to send a letter that the debit card was in fact not fake. This brings me to the optimistic proclamation from Mnuchin that the \$600 payments would go out as soon as next week. The IRS has worked out a lot of the glitches troubling the first stimulus distribution, said Garrett Watson, a senior policy analyst at the Tax Foundation, which has a good summary of the new

aid package. “Yet, I think it’s always good to set reasonable expectations,” Watson said. “It’s better to underpromise and overdeliver when it comes to delivering these payments.” The IRS could not address many questions, because the legislation had not been signed into law by President Donald Trump – who on Tuesday night demanded larger stimulus checks in the bill and criticized it for “wasteful spending.” At this point, it’s best to check irs.gov for updates. Search for “Economic Impact Payment Information Center.” My holiday hope is that the IRS and Treasury Department post answers to the questions I know people will have, as soon as possible. The administration was too slow to do this after the passage of the Cares Act. The need is as great, if not greater, this time around to provide people struggling to make ends meet a realistic time frame for when they may see the second stimulus payment. Readers can write to Michelle Singletary c/o The Washington Post, 1301 K St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20071. Her email address is michelle.singletary@washpost.com. Follow her on Twitter (@SingletaryM) or Facebook (www.facebook.com/MichelleSingletary). Comments and questions are welcome, but due to the volume of mail, personal responses may not be possible. Please also note comments or questions may be used in a future column, with the writer’s name, unless a specific request to do otherwise is indicated.

Dogs ease pandemic isolation for nursing home residents

By MARY ESCH
Associated Press

Eileen Nagle sees her family in video chats and drive-by visits, but that hasn’t made up for the lack of warm hugs in the nine months since the pandemic led her nursing home to shut its doors to visitors. Enter Zeus. “Zeus is a friendly little snowball, very happy,” said Nagle, 79, after the peppy bichon frise paid a visit to her room at Hebrew Home at Riverdale, overlooking the Hudson River in the Bronx. “Petting and playing with the dogs breaks up the day and gets you to forget about yourself for a while.” Hebrew Home has had a pet therapy program for 20 years; tiny Zeus and gentle giant Marley the Great Dane are the current snugglers in residence. Now, the activities department is expanding the canine corps with two new recruits in training to give residents more of the affectionate physical contact that has become so scarce and precious in the coronavirus era. “It’s uplifting to have Zeus come and visit me, especially with COVID and being restricted to my room,” said 80-year-old Jeff Philipson, beaming as he ran his fingers through Zeus’ silky white fur while the dog clambered on his bed. “I talk on the phone every day with my daughter and my son, but that’s as good as it can get for now.”

When the pandemic lockdown began in March, dog therapy was suspended along with most other activities at the nursing home. “I decided we needed to re-energize the pet visiting program since there’s no outside visitation allowed,” said Daniel Reingold, founder of the pet therapy program and president and CEO of RiverSpring Health, nonprofit operator of 103-year-old Hebrew Home. “They’ve been on the floors bringing happiness and unconditional love to residents and staff alike.” The dogs belong to staff members who bring them to work every day. But the program doesn’t allow just any dog. “It has to be a combination of the right owner, right dog and right temperament,” said Reingold, whose own rescue dog, Kida, is one of the new recruits. “The dogs have to be assessed, follow basic commands and be able to cope with wheelchairs, elevators, medication carts and all the other things they’ll encounter on a floor.” Cats are also used in the pet therapy program – but only robotic ones. Hebrew Home has numerous life-like animatronic cats that purr and meow as residents hold them in their laps and stroke their fur. “The cats are especially soothing to people with dementia,” said Catherine Farrell, director of therapeutic activities, primary dog handler and owner of Marley.

SCOREBOARD

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Indiana High School Basketball Poll

Class 4A

	W-L	Pts	Prv
1. Lawrence North (8)	4-0	230	1
2. Carmel (3)	6-0	220	2
3. Homestead (1)	7-0	194	3
4. Lafayette Jeff	6-0	154	5
5. Westfield	5-0	127	7
6. Indpls Cathedral	5-1	121	6
7. Indianapolis Attucks	8-1	110	4
8. S. Bend Adams	5-0	100	9
9. Zionsville	5-2	39	NR
10. S. Bend Riley	5-1	27	NR
(tie) Columbus North	5-1	27	NR

Others receiving votes: Bloomington North 19. Gary West 16. Plainfield 15. Warren Central 8. Michigan City 8. Munster 7. New Albany 6. Fishers 6. Greenwood 6

Class 3A

	W-L	Pts	Prv
1. Heritage Hills (8)	5-0	222	1
2. Hammond (3)	3-1	178	4
3. Silver Creek (1)	4-2	177	3
4. Ev. Bosse	2-0	176	2
5. Greensburg	3-0	127	5
6. Mishawaka Marian	4-1	114	7
7. Sullivan	3-0	89	10
8. S. Bend St. Joseph's	3-2	86	6
9. Danville	0-0	80	8
10. Delta	4-0	75	9

Others receiving votes: Leo 57. Beech Grove 23. Greencastle 16. Tri-West 14. N. Harrison 6

Class 2A

	W-L	Pts	Prv
1. Ft. Wayne Blackhawk (12)	5-0	240	1
2. Linton-Stockton	6-0	208	2
3. Blackford	5-0	190	3
4. S. Spencer	7-0	171	4
5. Shenandoah	5-1	119	5
6. Westview	4-1	103	7
7. Indpls Covenant Christian	4-0	102	6
8. Parke Heritage	5-1	90	8
9. Central Noble	5-1	64	10
10. Andean	4-1	60	NR

Others receiving votes: Ev. Mater Dei 30. Southwestern (Jefferson) 20. Madison-Grant 14. S. Ripley 13. Prairie Hts. 10. Rossville 6

Class 1A

	W-L	Pts	Prv
1. Barr-Reeve (12)	6-0	240	1
2. Kouts	6-0	214	2
3. Bloomfield	3-0	184	3
4. Loogootee	4-2	142	4
5. N. Daviess	5-0	131	8
6. Edinburg	6-1	112	7
7. Morristown	6-1	87	6
8. Covington	1-2	73	5
9. Christian Academy	2-0	72	NR
10. Tindley	5-2	51	NR

Others receiving votes: Lafayette Catholic 43. Ev. Christian 35. Covenant Christian (DeMotte) 14. Lanesville 13. Greenwood Christian 12. Gary 21st Century 9. Jac-Cen-Del 8

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
yx-Buffalo	11	3	0	.786	407	340
Miami	9	5	0	.643	352	257
New England	6	8	0	.429	289	301
N.Y. Jets	1	13	0	.071	206	413

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Indianapolis	10	4	0	.714	399	320
Tennessee	10	4	0	.714	436	361
Houston	4	10	0	.286	315	386
Jacksonville	1	13	0	.071	275	423

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-Pittsburgh	11	3	0	.786	366	264
Cleveland	10	4	0	.714	368	374
Baltimore	9	5	0	.643	403	287
Cincinnati	3	10	1	.250	271	355

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
yx-Kansas City	13	0	0	.929	435	310
Las Vegas	7	7	0	.500	377	421
Denver	5	9	0	.357	276	395
L.A. Chargers	5	9	0	.357	327	389

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Washington	6	8	0	.429	302	295
Dallas	5	9	0	.357	339	433
N.Y. Giants	5	9	0	.357	244	311
Philadelphia	4	9	1	.321	303	361

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-New Orleans	10	4	0	.714	397	297
Tampa Bay	9	5	0	.643	401	321
Atlanta	4	10	0	.286	355	353
Carolina	4	10	0	.286	323	356

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
yx-Green Bay	11	3	0	.786	434	339
Chicago	7	7	0	.500	315	318
Minnesota	6	8	0	.429	360	388
Detroit	5	9	0	.357	335	435

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-Seattle	10	4	0	.714	413	339
L.A. Rams	9	5	0	.643	345	269
Arizona	8	6	0	.571	391	329
San Francisco	5	9	0	.357	333	352

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division

Friday, Dec. 25

Minnesota at New Orleans

Saturday, Dec. 26

Tampa Bay at Detroit, 1 p.m.
San Francisco at Arizona, 4:30 p.m.
Miami at Las Vegas, 8:15 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 27

Atlanta at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
Carolina at Washington, 1 p.m.
Chicago at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.
Cincinnati at Houston, 1 p.m.
Cleveland at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.
Indianapolis at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Baltimore, 1 p.m.
Denver at L.A. Chargers, 4:05 p.m.
L.A. Rams at Seattle, 4:25 p.m.
Philadelphia at Dallas, 4:25 p.m.
Tennessee at Green Bay, 8:20 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 28

Buffalo at New England, 8:15 p.m.

NBA

Regular Season

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	1	0	1.000	—
Boston	1	0	1.000	—
Brooklyn	1	0	1.000	—
New York	0	1	.000	1
Toronto	0	1	.000	1

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	1	0	1.000	—
Atlanta	1	0	1.000	—
Miami	0	1	.000	1
Washington	0	1	.000	1
Charlotte	0	1	.000	1

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	1	0	1.000	—
Cleveland	1	0	1.000	—
Milwaukee	0	1	.000	1
Detroit	0	1	.000	1
Chicago	0	1	.000	1

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	1	0	1.000	—
New Orleans	1	0	1.000	—
Houston	0	0	.000	1
Dallas	0	1	.000	1
Memphis	0	1	.000	1

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	1	0	1.000	—
Minnesota	1	0	1.000	—
Oklahoma City	0	0	.000	1
Denver	0	1	.000	1
Portland	0	1	.000	1

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Clippers	1	0	1.000	—
Phoenix	1	0	1.000	—
Sacramento	1	0	1.000	—
L.A. Lakers	0	1	.000	1
Golden State	0	1	.000	1

Wednesday's Games

Cleveland 121, Charlotte 114
Orlando 113, Miami 107
Indiana 121, New York 107
Philadelphia 113, Washington 107
Philadelphia at Dallas, 4:30 p.m.
Boston 122, Milwaukee 121

San Antonio 131, Memphis 119
Minnesota 111, Detroit 101
Atlanta 124, Chicago 104
Sacramento 124, Denver 122, OT
Utah 120, Portland 100
Phoenix 106, Dallas 102
Oklahoma City at Houston, ppd

Thursday's Games

No games scheduled

Friday's Games

New Orleans at Miami
Golden State at Milwaukee
Brooklyn at Boston
Dallas at L.A. Lakers
L.A. Clippers at Denver

Saturday's Games

Atlanta at Memphis, 5 p.m.
Cleveland at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Orlando at Washington, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Indiana at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Toronto at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Utah, 9 p.m.
Houston at Portland, 10 p.m.
Phoenix at Sacramento, 10 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Dallas at L.A. Clippers, 3:30 p.m.
Brooklyn at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Orlando at Washington, 7 p.m.
San Antonio at New Orleans, 7 p.m.
Milwaukee at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at Indiana, 8 p.m.
Golden State at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Phoenix at Sacramento, 9 p.m.
Minnesota at L.A. Lakers, 10 p.m.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

2020-21 Bowl Glance

Canceled

Bahamas Bowl
Birmingham Bowl
Celebration Bowl
Fenway Bowl
Frisco Bowl
Gasparilla Bowl
Guaranteed Rate Bowl
Hawaii Bowl
Holiday Bowl
Independence Bowl
LA Bowl
Las Vegas Bowl
Military Bowl
Pinstripe Bowl
Quick Lane Bowl
Redbox Bowl
Sun Bowl

Monday, Dec. 21

Myrtle Beach Bowl
Conway, S.C.

Tuesday, Dec. 22

Famous Idaho Potato Bowl
Boise

Wednesday, Dec. 23

New Orleans Bowl
Montgomery (Ala.) Bowl
Memphis 25, Florida Atlantic 10

Thursday, Dec. 24

New Mexico Bowl
Frisco, Texas

Friday, Dec. 25

Camellia Bowl
Montgomery, Ala.

Saturday, Dec. 26

Cure Bowl
Orlando, Fla.

SERVPRO First Responder Bowl

Dallas
No. 9 Coastal Carolina vs. No. 23 Liberty, 7:30 p.m., (ESPN)

Lendingtree Bowl

Mobile, Ala.
Georgia Southern 38, Louisiana Tech 3

Monday, Dec. 27

Alamo Bowl
San Antonio
No. 20 Texas vs. Colorado, 9 p.m., (ESPN)

Wednesday, Dec. 30

Duke's Mayo Bowl
Charlotte, N.C.

Music City Bowl

Nashville, Tenn.
Wisconsin vs. Wake Forest, Noon (ESPN)

Thursday, Dec. 31

Armed Forces Bowl
Fort Worth, Texas

Friday, Jan. 1

Peach Bowl
Atlanta

Citrus Bowl

Orlando, Fla.
No. 15 Northwestern vs. Auburn, 1 p.m., (ABC)

College Football Playoff Semifinal

Arlington, Texas
No. 1 Alabama vs. No. 4 Notre Dame, 4 p.m., (ESPN)

Sugar Bowl

New Orleans
No. 2 Clemson vs. No. 3 Ohio St., 8 p.m., (ESPN)

Saturday, Jan 2

Gator Bowl
Jacksonville, Fla.

Outback Bowl

Tampa, Fla.
No. 7 Indiana vs. Mississippi, 12:30 p.m., (ABC)

Fiesta Bowl

Glendale, Ariz.
No. 12 Iowa State vs. No. 25 Oregon, 4 p.m., (ESPN)

Orange Bowl

Miami Gardens, Fla.
No. 5 Texas A&M vs. No. 14 North Carolina, 8 p.m., (ESPN)

Monday, Jan. 11

College Football Championship
Miami Gardens, Fla.

Semifinal Game 1 winner vs. Sugar Bowl winner, 8 p.m., (ESPN)

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

American League

BOSTON RED SOX — Agreed to terms with RHP Matt Andriese on a one-year contract with a club option for the 2022 season.

DETROIT TIGERS — Agreed to terms with C Dustin Garneau on a minor league contract.

Agreed to terms with RHP Jose Urena on a one-year contract.

HOUSTON ASTROS — Agreed to terms with OF Jose Siri on a minor league contract.

National League

CINCINNATI REDS — Claimed C Deivy Grullon off waivers from Boston.

NEW YORK METS — Named Jack Scott senior vice president/general manager.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

NBA — Fined Houston G James Harden \$50,000 for violating the league's health and safety protocols.

NBA REFEREE AND DEVELOPMENT — Named Simone Jelks, Suyash Mehta and Andy Nagy to full time NBA staff officials.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

CHICAGO BEARS — Placed WR Reggie Davis on the injured reserve. Signed DB Teez Tabor on the practice squad.



Photo by Alina Reed / Plain Dealer

Jarred Brooks fights for the pin to win.

Wabash varsity wrestling falls to Peru

The Apaches will be back in action in Wabash County Invite on Tuesday, Dec. 29

By ALINA REED

Wabash Plain Dealer Freelance Reporter

On Thursday, Dec. 17, the Wabash Apaches varsity wrestling team faced the Peru Tigers on the mat.

This particular match was the designated senior night for the Wabash team. Seniors wrestling this night included Grant Carandante, Ethan Higgins, Antony Long and Sheldon Jones.

Unfortunately for the Apaches, the match started with five forfeits from Wabash's team.

"COVID has put a damper on the team," said head coach Jake O'Neill.

"We usually aren't giving up five forfeits at a dual meet. Dealing with the unexpected is tough and I always tell my kids to stay ready, so we don't have to get ready. It's no truer for this year."

Jones started the night for the team. He was able to end his match in a pin, which started the night off right for the Apaches. Next up was sophomore Olivia Harden.

"I've always loved learning new things with wrestling," said Harden. "Building amazing bonds with the team is super rewarding. I also love hearing the crowd yell during my matches because it helps me stay motivated throughout."

Harden held up a great fight against her Peru opponent. Though not resulting in a pin, she was still able to come out as winner of her match. Junior Jarred Brooks also came out victori-


ous with his match.

A highlight from the night was that all seniors present were able to snatch a win. Unfortunately,

Indianapolis houses homeless in hotels amid pandemic winter

Southside Free Will Baptist

Shelters are serving more families than in years past, said Chelsea Haring-Cozzi, executive director at CHIP. "They're seeing numbers they've never seen before."

<h3>2021 SILVERADO CREW CAB 4X4 CUSTOM</h3>  <p>MSRP \$41,590 GM Employee Price For Everyone.... \$38,472 Rebate -\$2,500</p> <p>NOW ONLY \$35,972</p>	<h3>2020 CHEVROLET TRAVERSE FWD LT W/ DRIVER CONFIDENCE PACKAGE</h3>  <p>MSRP \$39,410 GM Employee Price For Everyone.... \$36,375 Rebate -\$3,000</p> <p>NOW ONLY \$33,375</p>
 CHEVROLET FIND NEW ROADS™	
<h3>2020 BUICK ENCORE FWD PREFERRED</h3>  <p>MSRP \$26,390 GM Employee Price For Everyone.... \$24,775 Rebate -\$3,500 Bonus Rebate -\$750</p> <p>NOW ONLY \$20,525</p>	<h3>2020 BUICK ENCORE GX SELECT AWD</h3>  <p>MSRP \$29,710 GM Employee Price For Everyone.... \$27,836 Rebate -\$2,400</p> <p>NOW ONLY \$25,436</p>
 EXPERIENCE THE NEW BUICK	
<h3>2020 GMC TERRAIN SLT PREFERRED</h3>  <p>MSRP \$34,785 GM Employee Price For Everyone.... \$32,173 Rebate -\$4,250</p> <p>NOW ONLY \$27,923</p>	<h3>2021 GMC CANYON CREW CAB AT4 4X4</h3>  <p>MSRP \$40,715 GM Employee Price For Everyone.... \$37,650 Rebate -\$1,000</p> <p>NOW ONLY \$36,650</p>
 WE ARE PROFESSIONAL GRADE	
	
<p>Hours: Mon. & Wed. 8 a.m - 7 p.m. Tues., Thurs. & Fri. 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. Sat. 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.</p> <p>260-563-2123</p>	
<p>473 S. Miami St., Wabash • www.doraischevy.com</p>	

Husband emails girlfriends he had during 10-year separation

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I were married for several years, divorced, then remarried 10 years later. During our separation, he had a lot of girlfriends. To this day, he keeps all their contact information. I discovered he has emailed some of them since we've been back together. I think he uses email to avoid any phone calls that I would be aware of.

Our marriage is overall going well, but I don't understand his need to keep up with some of these past "friends." When we remarried, I deleted all of my past contacts. I'm worried that he's still attached to at least a few of these women, and I don't think it's right. What do you think? It makes me very insecure and upset. What should I do? I'm already in therapy. — Uneasy In The South

DEAR UNEASY: Marriage is a choice. Your husband CHOSE to remarry you. I am going to assume that because of your insecurity, you have been hesitant to ask him directly why he feels a need to stay in touch with these women. Your therapist may be able to help you with this. If he/she is willing to invite him to accompany you for a session, consider posing the question there.

DEAR ABBY: I recently contracted coronavirus and had a difficult time recovering. It has been three months, and I am still suffering from long-term aftereffects.

When my co-workers and supervisors ask how I'm feeling and I tell them, they almost immediately downplay my response. Some of them ignore my response and tell me, "Oh, that's not bad. One time, I lost so much hair, blah, blah," or they say, "Well, you're working. You'll be fine." I feel like it belittles me and makes what I went through seem like a bid for sympathy. How would you recommend I reply? I can't ignore the people at work. — Downplayed Up North

DEAR DOWNPLAYED: All you need to say is, "If it happens to you, you will understand that I feel lucky to be alive. So many people weren't."

DEAR ABBY: I have a question about etiquette. My son is getting married soon. In a conversation with the bride-to-be, I asked if she had chosen a florist and was told that her mom will be making all the wedding flowers out of natural materials. Abby, I hate silk, i.e. "plastic" flowers! Would I be creating a huge problem if I offered to purchase my own wrist corsage from a florist, or should I keep quiet and deal with ugly fake "flowers" with my beautiful dress? Or, can I remove the fake corsage directly after photos are taken? — Offended Mom Of The Groom

DEAR OFFENDED MOM: The proper thing to do is keep your opinion to yourself and go along with the plans your soon-to-be daughter-in-law and her mother have made. Wear the corsage and your sweetest smile for the wedding photos. After that it shouldn't cause a problem if you QUIETLY remove it.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

Dear Abby



CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 1 Came down with
4 Director — Craven
7 Jane Austen novel
11 Royal pronoun
12 Behalf
13 Playwright — Coward
14 Ms. Hagen
15 Kind of farm
16 Recipe amt.
17 Broke in
19 Soprano — Callas
21 W-2 collectors
22 Lots of qts.
23 Puerto Rican port
26 Lowly laborer
28 Impress deeply
29 Prognostication
31 Adorn with ornaments
35 Ration out
37 Whip
39 Frost
40 Mortgage

- 42 Nebraska city
44 Harps on Swamp
47 Zodiac sign
49 Scared
53 Level
54 Grimm villain
56 Ostrichlike bird
57 Sharp pain
58 Unwanted plant
59 Nocturnal predator
60 Melodramatic cry
61 Look sleepy
62 Ell preceder

DOWN

- 1 Sixty minutes
2 Jalopy
3 Faded
4 Dependents
5 Scratch out a living
6 Look like
7 Contest hopeful
8 1999
Exxon mergee

Answer to Previous Puzzle

H	E	A	L	E	R		P	H	O	N	E	S
M	O	R	A	L	E		R	A	K	I	S	H
O	S	I	R	I	S		E	L	A	P	S	E
			D	A	P			F	L			
S	R	A		E	S	A		I	M	P	S	
T	O	P		S	C	A	B		N	E	A	P
R	O	I		A	T	V		A	G	A	T	E
E	M	A	I	L		A	F	R		S	T	E
A	I	R	S		O	G	L	E		L	E	D
K	E	Y	S		S	E	E		Y	R	S	
					U	P	C		E	D	S	
A	T	T	I	L	A			C	R	A	N	E
L	O	A	N	E	R			E	A	S	I	E
A	M	I	G	A	S			D	W	E	L	L

- 9 Geologic formations
10 Peak for Heidi
12 Record player
18 Razor brand
20 Earlier
23 Tillis or Dawber
24 Be in hock
25 Beauty-salon item
26 Potting medium
27 Annapolis grad
30 Sports org.
32 Estuary
33 Freud, to himself
34 — culpa borders
36 Garden
38 — it (walked)
41 Compass dir.
43 Dugout VIP
44 Maritime
45 Skybox locale
46 Divulged
48 Dispersed
50 Berserk
51 Sioux City site
52 "What's My Line?" host
53 Clean water org.
55 Earth (prefix)

1	2	3		4	5	6		7	8	9	10	
11				12				13				
14				15				16				
17				18			19	20				
			21				22					
23	24	25				26	27					
28				29	30			31	32	33	34	
35			36		37			38		39		
			40	41				42	43			
	44	45						46				
	47					48		49		50	51	52
53						54	55					
57						58				59		
60						61				62		

12-26 © 2020 UFS, Dist. by Andrews McMeel Syndication for UFS

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

	8			5				
9				2	8	3		
	3	6		1				5
		3				7		1
	7			6			3	
6		8				9		
8				3		6	1	
		7	1	8				9
				9			5	

12/26 © 2020 Dist. by Andrews McMeel Syndication for UFS

How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION								
2	9	5	3	8	1	4	6	7
3	7	6	5	4	9	2	8	1
8	4	1	7	2	6	3	5	9
4	3	2	1	6	7	5	9	8
9	1	8	4	3	5	6	7	2
6	5	7	2	9	8	1	3	4
7	8	3	6	1	4	9	2	5
5	2	4	9	7	3	8	1	6
1	6	9	8	5	2	7	4	3

JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

BLAEC

UAGGE

PESEYL

NYILAM

©2020 Tribune Content Agency, LLC All Rights Reserved.

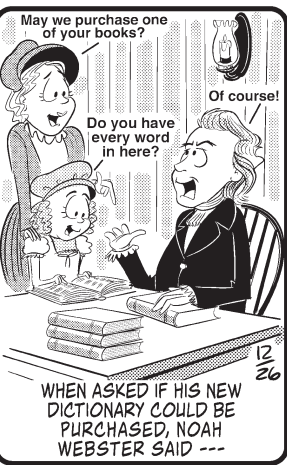
“ ”

Yesterday's

Jumbles: ABIDE HELLO JIGSAW FROZEN

Answer: The chef who specialized in cooking grouper, tuna, cod, etc. was an — “A-FISH-IONADO”

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

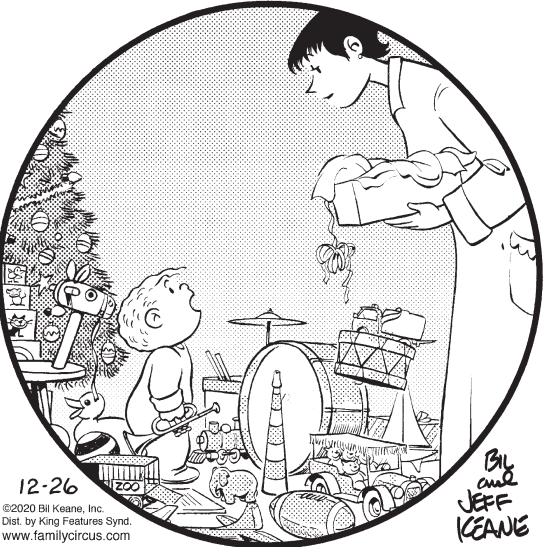


Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers Monday)

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



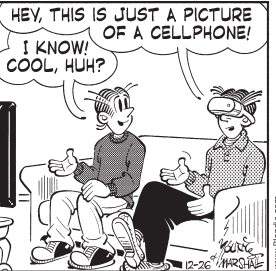
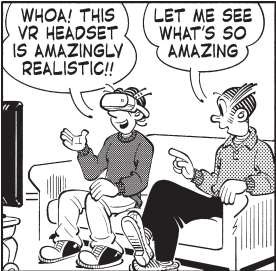
“Santa forgot some things. How many days till my birthday?”

©2020 Bil Keane, Inc. Dist. by King Features Synd. www.familycircus.com

BEETLE BAILEY



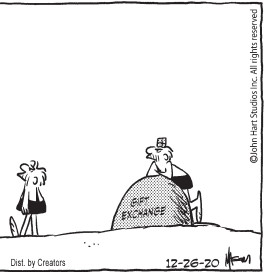
BLONDIE



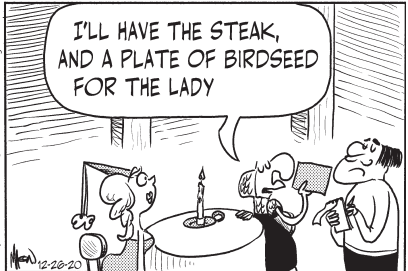
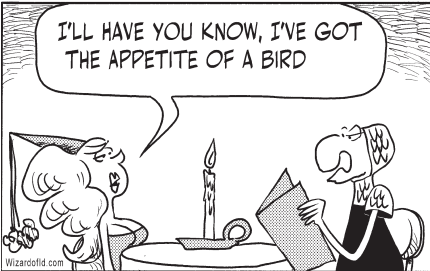
HI & LOIS



BC



WIZARD OF ID



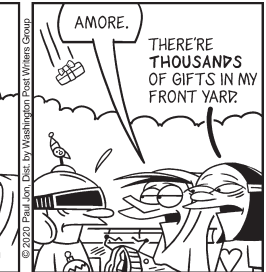
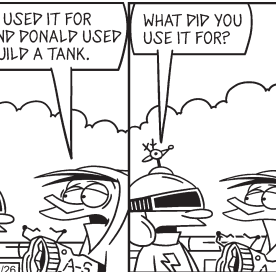
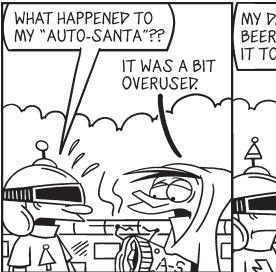
DILBERT



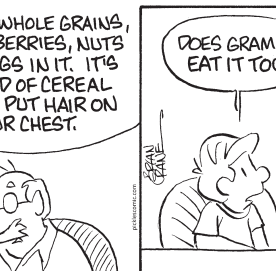
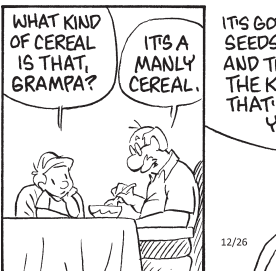
GARFIELD



FORT KNOX



PICKLES



God may seem slow, but He never helps too late

From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

Q: What does it mean spiritually to bear fruit? — F.B.

A: In order for a tree or any plant to grow and bear fruit, its seed must first be planted in the ground and die. In order for fruit to appear in our lives, the Word of God must be planted in our hearts and then we must die to self, making Christ the center of our lives.

In the face of chastening, adversity, discipline, and affliction, fruit begins to appear, because the Holy Spirit is strengthening us and the attributes of the Lord begin to manifest themselves in our thinking and in our actions.

This process, like steel which has been tempered and made strong by the heat of a furnace, makes us use-

ful to God. But what baby is sent out to fight a battle? The baby must first grow in strength, in size, and in wisdom before he is able to fight. It is the same for those whom God wishes to use.

Joseph would never have been of use to God had he not been sold into slavery by brothers who hated him and was later wrongly accused and put in prison. Joseph had to wait two more years for release from prison. All of this was God's preparation for Joseph's ultimate rise to a position of power and au-

thority second only to that of Pharaoh himself, a position Joseph used to feed all of Israel during a famine.

As we wait upon the Lord, God may sometimes seem slow in coming to help us, but He never comes too late. His timing is always perfect.

“The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.... And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ... Let us also walk in the Spirit” (Galatians 5:22-25).

CELEBRITY CIPHER by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

“ G Z V T Z D H Y T Y G M D F D B M U B S L L P D C
H W U Y I T F D B U V J Z T H M Y T H D K U B D X D P V
D K I D Z M W F D W U W M U T N D I T T B . ”
— E G X D M N G P C H W Z

Previous Solution: “I would like to end world hunger and create world peace, stop corruption, stop drugs getting to kids.” — Kelly Preston

TODAY'S CLUE: H s i p n b e g



Church Directory

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Gospel Light Assembly of God, 347 Southwood Drive. Pastor Neil Jeffrey. Sunday School 9:45am (all ages). Morning worship service 10:30am. Evening service 6pm. Wednesday midweek service 7pm; Kids' Korral Wednesday 7pm. Youth meeting 7pm (ages 12-19).

Sweetwater Assembly of God, 2551 SR 114 E, North Manchester. (260) 982-6179. Sunday worship 9am & 10:45am. Sunday evening outreach groups & youth ministry 5-7pm. Wednesday 6:30pm adult/teen bible study, 6:30pm Kidz Zone (K thru 6th grade). All worship services streaming online and on our Facebook page.

BAPTIST

Emmanuel Free Will Baptist, 129 Southwood Drive. Pastor Terry Hinds. (260) 563-3009. Sunday School 9:30am. Sunday Worship 10:30am & 6pm; Children's Church 10:30am. Wednesday morning prayer service 11am. Wednesday Prayer meeting 6pm. Transportation available. Sunday worship services streaming on our Facebook page

Southside Free Will Baptist, 360 Columbus Street. Pastor Tim Webb. Sunday School 10am. Worship Service 11am. Sunday Evening 6pm. Wednesday Evening 6pm. Sunday worship services streaming online

Wabash Free Will Baptist Church, 1056 Erie Street. Wednesday evening prayer meeting 6pm. Sunday School 10am, Church 11am; evening service 6pm.

CATHOLIC

St. Bernard Catholic Church, corner of Cass & Sinclair. Father Levi Nkwocha. Masses will resume, with safety restrictions, beginning May 23-24, 2020. Everyone attending Mass must wear a face mask. Masses: Saturday 5:30 p.m. and Sunday 9:30 a.m.; Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 5:30 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday at 8:15 a.m.

St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Main Street in Lagro, Welcomes You Back! New Service Time 11:00 AM Sunday, October 4, Sunday November 1 and Sunday December 6. In keeping with COVID-19 State Rules, please wear a mask and socially distance. Let Us Worship Together.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Christian Heritage Church, 2776 River Road. (260) 569-7710. Pastor Tim Prater. Sunday 8:30am. Radio Ministry 95.9 WKUZ. Sunday School 9:30am. Morning Service 10:30am. Sunday evening 6pm. Wednesday evening 6pm. Online services on Sunday at 10:30 am and Wednesday 6:00 pm

LaFontaine Christian Church, 202 Bruner Pike, LaFontaine. Minister Brad Wright. (765) 981-2101. Worship 9am & 10:30am, Nursery & Jr. Church available. Online Services available on our website

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Church of Christ, Wabash (corner of N Wabash Street and US 24). Evangelist Josh Fennell (260) 563-8234. Sunday School 9am. Morning Worship 10am. Evening Worship 6:30pm. Wednesday Service 7pm. Wednesday Kid's Jam 7pm.

CHURCH OF GOD

First Church of God, 525 N. Miami Street. Pastor Robert Rensberger. (260) 563-5346. Sunday School at 9:15am, for all ages. Continental breakfast at 10am. Sunday Morning Worship is at 10:30am. Nursery care is available during worship service. Stair lift available.

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

Wabash Church of the Brethren, 645 Bond Street (off Falls Avenue). Pastor Doug Veal. (260) 563-5291. Wherever you are on life's journey, come join us as we continue the work of Jesus... Peacefully, Simply, Together. Sunday School 9:30am. Worship 10:30am. Children's church and nursery available during worship. Online Service through website or conference call.

DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

Wabash Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), 110 W. Hill St., Wabash; Rev. Haley Asberry, Minister; phone: 260-563-4179; website: www.wabashchristian.org. Worship Service 9:30 a.m.; Fellowship 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Nursery provided. Find us on Facebook. Services streaming on our website and Facebook.

FRIENDS CHURCH

Wabash Friends Church, 3563 S State Rd 13. (260) 563-8452. Lead Pastor, Brandon Eaton. Join us for Church at Home, our live-streamed service, on Facebook on Sunday morning at 10:45AM. In person services are temporarily suspended.

INDEPENDENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, 4 miles north of Wabash on St. Rd. 15; phone 260-563-4109; website: bachelorcreek.com; Worship Minister - Michael Eaton, Student Minister - David Diener, Children's Minister - Tyler Leland, Middle School & Small Groups Minister - Nate Plyler, Next Steps & Outreach Minister - Ryan Keim, Women's Director- Taylor McFarland, Early Childhood Director - Janet Legesse. Worship 9:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

LUTHERAN

Living Faith Lutheran Church (NALC), 242 S. Huntington St., Wabash, IN. Worship begins each Sunday morning at 10:10 a.m. with Bible study classes for all ages at 9:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome to join us for worship. Worship Services live streamed on our website. www.LivingFaithWabash.org

Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA), 1500 S Wabash Street. Pastor Dr. Kent Young. (260) 563-6626. We worship our Lord each Sunday at 9:30am with Gospel-based message and Holy Communion. There is a time of fellowship and refreshments immediately following the service. We are handicap accessible and everyone is welcome at Trinity! tlcwabash@gmail.com.

UNITED METHODIST

North Manchester United Methodist Church, 306 E Second Street, North Manchester. Pastor Steve Bahrt. (260) 982-7537. Worship Service 8:15am & 10:30am. Coffee Fellowship 9am. Sunday School 9:30am.

Richvalley United Methodist Church, 290 N Jefferson. (260) 563-1033. Pastor Jack Suits. Worship service begins at 9:30am. Nursery available. Sunday School begins at 10:45am for all age.

Roann United Methodist Church, Corner of Adams and Arnold Street, Roann. Pastor Wayne Balmer. (765) 833-2931. Worship Celebration 9am. Sunday School 10:15am.



Certified Welding & Millwright Service
Steel Fabrication and Installation

150 Smith St. • Wabash, IN 46992
Office: (260) 563-2263
800-482-WELD
FAX: (260) 563-0321
Cell (260) 571-0218
Email: tehret@ctinet.com

DORAIS

2020 Blazer

FIND NEW ROADS™
563-2123 WABASH
www.doraischevy.com

A MANGER SCENE



An infant lay on a bed of straw, His newborn cries drowned by the sounds of animals. Wise Men from the East appeared, dressed in rich fabrics and carrying jewels; the finest of their gifts of fragrance mingled with the animals' scent. Weatherworn shepherds trembled in awe at the scene before them...still stunned from their encounter with angels. Mary and Joseph could not take their eyes from the true miracle God had entrusted to their care...a babe destined for perfection...born into a humble scene...yet, bathed in glory. In this holiest of seasons, share in the celebration of God like the Wise Men did; honor the birth of His only Son and worship Him.

Daily Bible Reading						
Isaiah	Luke	Luke	Luke	Luke	John	Luke
8:21-9:7	1:1-25	1:26-56	1:57-80	2:1-20	1:1-18	2:21-52
Scriptures Selected by the American Bible Society X Daily Devotional at DailyBible.AmericanBible.org						
©2020 Keister-Williams Newspaper Services, P.O. Box 8187, Charlottesville, VA 22906, www.kwnews.com						

CHURCHES

(Businesses, too)

Advertise your special services, bake sales, breakfasts, suppers, ice cream socials, concerts, or any special event.

Call to advertise here.

765-671-2259

Adopt! Don't Shop!



Fishtail



Dirty Bubble



Cappuccino



Pitter Pat



Diddy Kong



Detail



Jacko



Esmeralda



Sunbear



Tipsy T



Espresso



Marocchino

* Some animals may be adopted by the time this ad appears.

TAKE HOME YOUR NEW BEST FRIEND TODAY!

Please call or come see us if you lost your pet,
are looking to adopt, want to volunteer,
or have any questions!

Animal Shelter of Wabash

810 Manchester Ave • Wabash
260-563-3511

Tue: 11:00 am - 7:00 pm
Wed: 11:00 am - 5:00 pm
Thu: 11:00 am - 7:00 pm
Fri: 11:00 am - 5:00 pm
Sat: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm



Wabash County Animal Shelter Donations Needed

- Kitten Food
- Dog Food
- Paper Towels
- **Bleach**
- Puppy Food
- Kitty Litter
- Fabric Softener
- Sheets
- **High Efficiency Laundry Soap**
- **Pine-sol**
- **Disinfecting Wipes**

Adoption Fees:

Dogs \$55
Cats \$40
Puppies \$65
(Under 6 mos.)
Kittens \$50
(Under 6 mos.)

All Animals have
preliminary shots
and are spayed
or neutered.
Most animals
have had their
rabies shots.

I would like to donate to:
_____ Med Program _____ Spay/Neuter Program
_____ Cat/Dog Supplies _____ Misc. Supplies
Name _____
Address _____
Phone Number _____

Mail Form to: Animal Shelter of Wabash Co.
810 Manchester Avenue
Wabash, IN 46992

12 State Road 13 S P.O. Box 68 Urbana, IN 46990
260.774.3322

Cornerstone
VETERINARY SERVICES

Dr. Jeff Beihl

Office Hours:
M-F 8am-5pm; Sat. 8am-Noon
Walk-In Hours; 8am-9am
Mon-Wed, Fri & Sat
Other times by appointment

Make a Positive Choice at Fun Dog Training, LLC

Family Paws Parent Educator

Deborah Bryant
CPDT-KA, APDT, PPG
Certified Professional Dog Trainer



Group Classes
Private Lessons, Agility
Therapy Dog Tester/Observer
And Much More



- No Pain
- No Force
- No Fear

Contact info:
djb.dog.train@gmail.com
260.571.2237
www.allaboutthedog.us